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February Anniversaries

There are many anniversaries connected with the history of nations and the United States has reached an age that editors it to observe some memorable occasions. The month of February contains its share. We can attention to a few, and the reader can participate in nonscoring like a quiz test in connection with them.

(1) A far-reaching tax measure, affecting the entire United States, was made possible on Feb. 3, 1913.

(2) Two important treaties were signed in 1922, one on Feb. 1st about naval matters and the other about a long-festering Far Eastern question. Five nations signed the first and nine powers the second.

(3). A special corporation, greatly affecting the boys of the United States, came into being on Feb. 8, 1910.

(4) Representatives of six states met in Montgomery, Alabama, for the foundiag of a new nation, on Feb. 4, 1861.

(5). Unexplained violence, affecting an American naval vessel, occurred on Feb. 15th, 1898, killing 252 men.

The answers may not be very hard to give, but, after casual identification, how much do you know about the events listed? Anyway, here are the answers: (1) Wyoming became the thirty-sixth state to ratify the income tax amendment; (2) Washington Naval Treaty and Nine-Power Pact to Protect China; (3) Boy Scouts of America incorporated; (4) First meetiar of Confederate Congress; (5) Battleship Maine blown up in Havana harbor.

WOMEN'S FEET LARGER

Women's shoes, as any husband knows, cost more than men's shoes, despite the fact they require much less leather. We are advised that the average piece of feminine footgear requires about 150 separate operations.

We, of course, have been concerned over the increasing amount of energy that goes into producing women's shoes. The wispy straps, the thin soles, and the teetering heels are very necessary, and now we have learned why.

The feet of American women have grown more than three sizes in the past two generations. The average woman in this country wears a size 7½-B shoe today, as compared with a size six a generation ago, and a size four in granny's day. The high laced, pointed shoes of two generations ago probably looked as large as a pair of pointed-toed spiked-heeled pumps of today that are three sizes larger.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Naming United States Navy ships has followed a definite pattern through the years. Battleships, for example, are named after states, while cruisers get their names from large cities.

Destroyers are named after individuals, like war heroes, federal government notables, and inventors.

Submarines are named after fish and marine creatures. Aircraft carriers are given the names of historical naval vessels or battles.

As a matter of fact, there is a plan for naming ocean-going tugs, harbor tugs, small seaplane tenders, larger seaplane tenders, destroyer tenders, repair ships, submarine tenders, gunboats and attack transports.

If you're one of those individuals who can't tell one ship from another, all you have to do is learn the Navy's pattern for naming ships. Because in the Navy, there is something in a name!

Mr. Eisenhower's Surplus

President Eisenhower has forecast a surplus of approximately $1,000,000,000 in the 1961 fiscal budget. This forecast has been quickly attacked by Democrats.

While we seek to get involved in no partisan controversy, the surplus forecast by President Eisenhower was based on prospective revenues to be realized from an increase in gasoline taxes and from a postage increase. Neither of these is assured, and, therefore, one cannot look with too much certainty toward a four-billion dollar surplus in fiscal 1961.

The truth is, of course, that Congress spends more money than the President recommends in many fields, while economizing in certain others. This being an election year, however, Congress may not be inclined to economize to any great degree, and Congress may also be hesitant to levy new taxes.

For this reason, it is a safe bet that Mr. Eisenhower's four-billion dollar surplus will be hard to come by.

In Memory of A Thinker

Two hundred and twenty-three years ago last month, Thomas Payne was born at Thetford, Norfolk, England. This man was to have a profound influence on the American scene before and during the Revolution, having contributed much to the independent thought and philosophy of the independence Movement. He was also to pen some controversial lines on religion, for which he paid the price of unpopularity until the day he died.

However, his independent and radical thoughts, along both political and religious lines, were to cost him heavily in the end. At one point in his life, he narrowly escaped the guillotine for his political views, and, when he returned to America, in 1802, after spending some years in Europe, he found that his attacks upon accepted religious views had made him extremely unpopular.

He died in 1809, and was buried at new Rochelle, New York, where a monument was erected to him in 1839. His body, however, was removed to England ten years after his death.

Despite the differing views on Payne and the controversy which still rages regarding his writings, he is universally regarded as a thinker, who had the courage to expound his radical and unpopular views, for which he paid bitterly.

A GREAT DEBATE

This newspaper salutes the brave representatives at Richmond who are making the current session of the Virginia General Assembly notable by their debate on the fiscal policies and needs of the Old Dominion. It is a moment when men are standing up to be counted, as men of independence and sincere convicition. The great debate is over the issue of a sales tax submitted by Governor Almond. With a near record surplus in the cash box, there are many who feel that new taxes are not required. Others find endless ways to spend money and want more money to get the state into big-time spending. It is a clash of sincere opinions, and this newspaper hastens to express its convicition that out of the debate will come a course of action best suited to the traditions of Virginia. We trust that our readers will study the day to day trends in this great debate, and if our readers have convictions of a positive and constructive nature, we are sure that our representatives will be happy to hear from them.

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Sticking To It

Lesson for February 7, 1960

PEOPLE get the strangest ideas about what it was like, nineteen centuries ago. When a thing has been a success for that length of time, people forget that it ever trembled on the brink of failure. Names that have been honored for nineteen centuries, we think must have been held in high honor from the start. When the most we know about a place long ago is the names of some very good people who lived there, we suppose everybody was cut from the same cloth.

Dr. Foreman

The plain fact is, Christianity had to fight for a toehold in the world in which it was born. It was not an irreligious world, the place was swarming with religions. It was not a world that felt "hungry for the gospel." It was not a world where the "higher values" were much sought after. In short, it was a pretty discouraging place to start.

Corinth, Cross-Roads Capital

This was specially true at Corinth. Paul started the Christian church going in that city. He has been known so long as an apostle that it is easy to over-rate his reputation at the time of his peak years. If you had got one citizen of Corinth, any citizen at all, by the corner of his toga and told him the Paul the Apostle was a real apostle, think of that, was coming to the city and intending to start a Christian church, the Corinthian citizen would have said something like—

"Apostle—what's that? Paul—who's he? Never heard of one or the other. Oh, a religionist is he? We've more than enough of that end here. I hope he's not from the east? He is? From Jerusalem? . . . a Jew . . . Well, outside of being a superstitious lot, those people are rioters by nature. Mark my words, there'll be rioting in the synagogue before that man's been here long. You can have him."

That wouldn't exaggerate a bit the scornful reception Paul might expect in Corinth—and he knew it. He wrote some years afterward that he came to Corinth in weakness (probably ill health), and in much fear and trembling—in modern slang, he was all shook up.

Paul the Dauntless

Nevertheless Paul was determined to start a Christian church going in that big booming indifferent city of Corinth. Not only were there all the difficulties of making a dent on a large commercial city, but Paul himself had good reason for not feeling at his best. He had just come from Athens, where (to be blunt about it) he had been a flop. Indeed he had been chased out of more cities than he had been invited back to. He had not stayed anywhere long, he had to battle for the chance to be heard. Would he do any better at Corinth? No Corinthians would bet on it.

As a matter of fact, in spite of the riot that did occur, just as you might have expected, in spite of being ignored, slandered, opposed, threatened, ridiculed, he stuck to it . . . and won. When he left that city he left behind him a Christian church which for all its faults had enough Christians to keep the church on its way all their lifetime.

In Spite of Everything

What kept Paul sticking to it? It was partly his own stubborn temperament, partly having friends who believed in him. But the main reason was that he was convinced he was doing God's work. People who get discouraged about the church ought to read about Paul again. In spite of ill health, active and bitter opposition, riots and threats of riots, in spite of the great difficulty he found in getting members from the "better class," in spite of the coarse materialism of a city like Corinth, the poverty of the church and its many problems, Paul did what he believed the Lord wanted him to do—stay with it till the job was done.

God surely wants his church to succeed, today as at any time in the past. But it is likely to succeed, in city or in country, wherever it is, only if the people who are responsible for it share, as Paul did, had something of the persistence of God.

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Washington Notes

Western Talks

Two groups of allied diplomats have begun meetings to forge proposals for disarmament and Berlin negotiations with Russia later this year.

Discussions on the Berlin problem are expected to produce a new debate among the major Western powers over their differences about how to counter Russian pressure for an end to allied protection of West Berlin.

Bill Snarled

The Senate is currently trying to untangle itself from a dispute over State's rights and civil rights in connection with a Federal-elections control bill.

The measure, under debate since January 13, provides for fuller reporting and tighter regulation of the financing of congressional and Presidential election campaigns.

G. O. P. Hails Plan

Leaders of the Republican minority in Congress have hoisted a "save that surplus" banner over President Eisenhower's budget.

The consensus of members of both parties, however, was that the President's forecast of a $4,200,000,000 surplus was unrealistic.

The unfavorable outlook for approval of his requests for increases in postal rates and gasoline taxes alone was sufficient to reduce the prospective surplus to about $3,000,000,000.

Foreign Aid

A billion-dollar rise in foreign aid has been set by President Eisenhower. Most of the increase would be for military assistance.

Kennedy vs Humphrey

Senator John F. Kennedy has decided to enter Wisconsin's Democratic Presidential primary, against Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, of Minnesota.

Although most polls give Senator Kennedy a lead over Senator Humphrey in the state at present, both camps are preparing for an intensive campaign through the next ten weeks. The election will be held April 5.

The Aswan Dam

State Department officials have acknowledged that Soviet success in financing and construction of the Aswan High Dam on the Nile River would probably enhance Soviet prestige in Africa and Asia.

They said some new African and Asian governments might be tempted by the example of the United Arab Republic in accepting Soviet aid to seek easy long-term Soviet credit and technical assistance on other big projects.

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LAST YEAR'S CROP PRODUCTION POINTS UP NEED TO IMPROVE

There are some lessons to be learned from crop production in Virginia last year, says Dr. H. L. Lantz, head of the VPI agronomy department.

He says that 1959 "showed us that if we are to produce the economical yields we must carefully the situation on each field of the farm. We cannot trust luck."

Generally, Dr. Dunton says, Virginia farmers produced satisfactory crops last year. However, he outlines a few unusual situations.

In some sections, what appeared to be a good crop of corn turned out to have little grain when harvested. This was, in most cases, the result of poor pollination, not of the seed or any particular hybrid. Rather had a lot to do with it and the problem likely would not exist except under fresh weather conditions.

There was a notable amount of stalk injury to corn. Farmers who put too much fertilizer too close to direct contact with the corn seed in the row were mainly responsible. Dr. Dunton says conditions this year contributed to fertilizer injury since the weather turned dry immediately after the corn was planted. In some tests, there was injury from as little as 300 pounds of 10-10-10 in the row in contact with the corn. A little fertilizer in the row helps to give the corn a good start, "but don't put over 100 to 150 pounds of 10-10-10 or similar grades in the row in contact with the seed," Dunton warns. The rest should either be banded to each side and below the seed, or broadcast before planting.

In some sections, soybeans were mature and fairly dry, but the stems were quite green. This also was a result of rather peculiar weather. Harvesting was delayed, and in many cases quality was down. There was considerable variation between varieties, and in most cases the Lee soybean was of better quality than some others. Many of the soybeans will be lower than usual in germination, and Dunton urges farmers testing soybeans to have a germination test made.

In some areas, late growing and harvesting weather hurt tobacco quality.

PLAN NOW FOR FEED SUPPLY NEXT YEAR

Wise dairymen are planning for next year's feed supply now, says L. V. L. Baldwin, associate dairy specialist at VPI.

And this planning should be based on growing his own forage, purchasing other feeds at lowest prices, and giving his cows all the forage they will eat.

As feed cost is the biggest expense item in producing milk, it is a good idea to produce as much of the needed forage as possible at home, says Mr. Baldwin. If any feeds need to be purchased, they should be concentrates.

In 1958 the average Dairy Herd Improvement Association cow, better fed than most, consumed only 1 1-4 tons of silage and 1 1-2 tons of hay. But this is only about half as much as cows will eat if they are given a chance.

So, the average DHIA dairyman in the past five years, the records show, has not only fed half as much forage as his animals will eat but he has not increased the amount of net forage.

True, he has fed more silage, but he fed less hay. And by feeding twice as much forage and increasing the production, the average herd of 100 cows should increase his net profit $2,000 to $4,000 per year. This sizeable sum is worth the extra effort, says Baldwin.

Early planning provides for an adequate supply of either home-grown or purchased feeds. Prices on some feeds vary throughout the year. Therefore, considerable savings may be made by watching for the low price period.

Regardless of the feed source, it is wise to make available between 4 and 5 tons of hay for each cow in the herd if the hay is the only forage fed in addition to pasture. This amount should take care of heifer replacements.

If silage supplies most of the forage for cows and heifers, 12 to 15 tons of silage will be needed for each cow in addition to pasture. If silage and hay are fed half and half, the dairyman needs 6 to 9 tons of silage and 2 to 3 tons of hay for each animal in addition to pasture. These amounts should also take care of one heifer replacement for each 4 cows.

Cost per pound of total digestible nutrients should determine the choice of low protein feeds. Cost per pound of total protein should determine the choice of protein supplement.

Improving the quality of the forage will be the biggest help in getting cows to more. Even then, though, it must be placed before the cow often enough so she can eat all she wants.

Feeding too much at a time in a feed bunk will not get the job done, says Baldwin, because cows like fresh feed that has not been slobbered on or picked over. Self-feeding of hay or silage should be regulated so only as much as the cow will clean up feeds down at one time.

Plenty of easily available fresh water can help the cow increase her forage consumption, also.

Remember, cows will consume 4 to 5 tons of hay fed alone; 12 to 15 tons of silage fed alone, or 6 to 9 tons of silage plus 2 to 3 tons of hay, he concludes. Feed them right for more profit.

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Beckham

Beckham, Feb. 2.- Sunday morning services at Trinity Church were conducted by Mr. Jim Tucker, of Lynchburg.

The M. Y. F. of Trinity Church visited Bethlehem Church at Concord for the regular Sunday night service.

Mrs. T. M. Martin returned to her home last week from the Virginia Baptist Hospital. Visiting her Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Hacker Martin, Mr. Paul Burge, Mrs. Mary Burge, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Moore and son, of Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs. David Martin, Pam.; Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Martin, Ronnie and Carolyn Jo.

We are very sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Helen Kern, who is in Lynchburg General Hospital. We hope she will soon be well.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Martin and Mrs. Laura Grow visited Mrs. Estelle Grow in Madison Heights Sunday.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hal Moore and family Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Curtiss Moore, Donny Moore, and Mrs. S. G. Martin.

Ronnie and Carolyn Jo Morris visited Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moore Sunday evening.

Mrs. Mary Burge visited Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Martin and Mrs. Laura Grow on Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Moore Jr. and family.

The Ground Hog has a good chance of seeing his shadow today, as the sun is brightly shining. So we might as well prepare for a little more winter.

Mrs. T. R. Martin Jr. visited Mr. and Mrs. Winston Martin and Gloria on Sunday afternoon.

Mision Accomplished!

Portland, Oregon.- "It's a miracle," said Mrs. Casper Custer, after she gave birth to a son. All 11 of her other children are girls.

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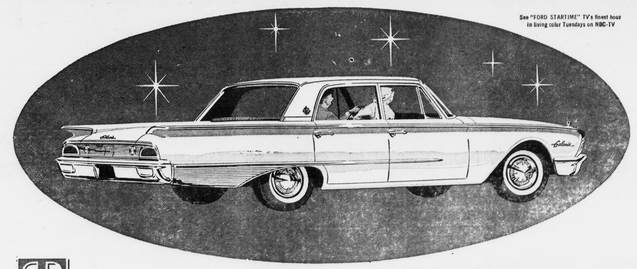

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